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## Opportunity to Comment on the South Fork Tributary Habitat Enhancement Project

## Dear reviewer:

The Forest Service, in cooperation with the Salmon River Restoration Council, is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed South Fork Tributary Habitat Enhancement Project, and we are asking you to provide comments. The South Fork Tributary Habitat Enhancement Project was developed to enhance/entrain spawning gravels, increase over-summer rearing habitat through pool development, increase over-winter rearing by providing velocity refugia, and provide for a wide range of habitat heterogeneity for juvenile and adult salmonids. Proposal information is also available on Klamath National Forest's project webpage at: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=50240">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=50240</a>.

It is important to us that reviewers provide their comments within the deadline and in a manner that can be used for the preparation of the EA. For example, think about the following questions and provide comments about the "what" and "why": (1) what information would you like us to provide and why; (2) what concerns do you have about the proposal and why; and (3) what changes should we consider in our project design and why. These questions and your participation will help us refine the proposal and help the interdisciplinary team develop effective, issue-driven alternatives and mitigations to the proposed action as needed. In order for referenced material to be considered, commenters should supply referenced literature and discuss its relevancy to the project as part of their comments.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. The comment period for this EA will run for 30 days from the date the legal notice of the opportunity to comment is published in the Siskiyou Daily News. The anticipated date of publication is Tuesday November 8, 2016; however, published legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

Submit electronic comments to the Klamath National Forest's project webpage: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=50240 by selecting the "Comment on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage. Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).

Written comments can be submitted by fax to 530-468-1290, or mailed to Ted McArthur, ATTN: Maija Meneks, Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, 11263 N. Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032, or hand-delivered during normal business hours (8am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday, excluding holidays).





Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21).

For oral comments or more project information contact the Forest Service team lead Maija Meneks at (530)468-1272 or mmeneks@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely

Ruth D'Antico

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